

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

[c01] A method of providing communications services, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for communications service, the request for communications service originating from a client communications device and communicated to a service provider of a communications network;

dynamically ascertaining a preferred scenario of segmentation, dispersion, and assemblage of electronic data to fulfill the request; and

billing for the communications service.

[c02] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of ascertaining the preferred scenario comprises utilizing another communications network of another service provider.

[c03] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of ascertaining the preferred scenario comprises dynamically negotiating amongst other service providers to fulfill the request for communications service.

[c04] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of ascertaining the preferred scenario comprises accessing a segmentation profile stored in memory, the segmentation profile containing preferences for preferring one service provider to another service provider.

[c05] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of ascertaining the preferred scenario comprises accessing a segmentation profile stored in memory, the segmentation profile containing preferences for preferring one communications network to another communications network.

- [c06] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of ascertaining the preferred scenario comprises preferring a highest-rated service provider to provide the communications service.
- [c07] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of ascertaining the preferred scenario comprises preferring a highest-rated communications network to provide the communications service.
- [c08] A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of aggregating billing charges between multiple service providers of multiple communications networks.
- [c09] A method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of presenting a single billing statement, the single billing statement aggregating billing charges from another service provider of another communications network.
- [c10] A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of presenting multiple billing statements from multiple service providers of multiple communications networks.
- [c11] A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of billing a credit card for the communications service.
- [c12] A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of accessing a segmentation profile stored in memory, the segmentation profile containing preferences for billing for the communications service.
- [c13] A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of accessing a segmentation profile stored in memory, the segmentation profile containing preferences for presenting billing charges from another service provider of another communications network.

[c14] A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of accessing a Service Level Agreement stored in memory, the Service Level Agreement defining preferences for billing for the communications service.

[c15] A computer program product, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

an Analysis Module stored on the computer-readable medium, the Analysis Module receiving a request for communications service, the request for communications service originating from a client communications device and communicated to a service provider of a communications network, the Analysis Module dynamically ascertaining a preferred scenario of segmentation, dispersion, and assemblage of electronic data to fulfill the request, and the Analysis Module billing for the communications service.